

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

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Quick Guide

for

Commentators, Broadcasters, Media, & Fans

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Introduction

Welcome to the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021, the 19th edition of the competition that has run annually since 2003. 19 countries - 7 more than competed last year, will be taking to the stage on Sunday December 19th for a spectacular show of song.

This is not a Junior Eurovision without its challenges. Junior Eurovision 2021 has a strict health and safety protocol to hopefully keep the show on the road despite the COVID-19 pandemic. While behind the scenes the atmosphere in Paris the programme is much less - with no cultural program, Opening Ceremony or EuroClub for delegations to attend - the show that will be broadcast from the stage in Paris should look no different than any other year.

And yes, Paris. Valentina's victory with '*J' imagine*' last year secured a victory for the French delegation and the French capital has the most stunning host venue, La Seine Musicale. With a capacity of 6,000 (3,500 for Junior Eurovision due to pandemic-based decisions) it is one of the most architecturally stunning concert venues in the country and located in the middle of the romantic river Seine. No doubt there will be plenty of drone footage of another architectural delight or two from Paris either.

This year's artists, from 9-year-old Beknur to 14-year-old Maléna, are coming with songs that mean more than just love and peace. The themes of the 2021 edition range from escapism, to telling yourself you can be you want to be, environmental issues, youth empowerment and missing family members, to name just a few. Once again we at ESC Insight appreciate that Junior Eurovision shows us that young people can not only grasp tough issues but they can take them on with genuine performances, and we note here that five of the songs include the artists themselves as a songwriter.

This guide book gives you the key facts and figures and the introduction to the songs you need before the show. Listing former winners, the track records of the different countries and short biographies of each artist if you are looking for all the information in one easy place - we hope this helps you out.

Many thanks, and we hope you enjoy the 2021 Junior Eurovision Song Contest

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Junior Eurovision Results History

Year	Host City & Country	Winning Country	Song	Singer	Runner up
2003	Copenhagen, Denmark	Croatia	Ti si moja prva ljubav	Dino Jelušić	Spain
2004	Lillehammer, Norway	Spain	Antes muerta que sencilla	María Isabel	UK
2005	Hasselt, Belgium	Belarus	My vmeste	Ksenia Sitnik	Spain
2006	Bucharest, Romania	Russia	Vesenniy Jazz	Tolmachevy Sisters	Belarus
2007	Rotterdam, Netherlands	Belarus	S druz'yami	Alexey Zhigalkovich	Armenia
2008	Limassol, Cyprus	Georgia	Bzz	Bzikebi	Ukraine
2009	Kyiv, Ukraine	Netherlands	Clack Clack	Ralf Mackenbach	Armenia/Russia
2010	Minsk, Belarus	Armenia	Mama	Vladimir Arzumanyan	Russia
2011	Yerevan, Armenia	Georgia	Candy Music	CANDY	Netherlands
2012	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Ukraine	Nebo	Anastasiya Petryk	Georgia
2013	Kyiv, Ukraine	Malta	The Start	Gaia Cauchi	Ukraine
2014	Marsa, Malta	Italy	Tu primo grande amore	Vincenzo Cantiello	Bulgaria
2015	Sofia, Bulgaria	Malta	Not My Soul	Destiny Chukunyere	Armenia
2016	Valletta, Malta	Georgia	Mzeo	Mariam Mamadashvili	Armenia
2017	Tbilisi, Georgia	Russia	Krylya	Polina Bogusevich	Georgia
2018	Minsk, Belarus	Poland	Anyone I Want To Be	Roksana Węgiel	France
2019	Gliwice, Poland	Poland	Superhero	Viki Gabor	Kazakhstan
2020	Warsaw, Poland	France	J'Imagine	Valentina	Kazakhstan
2021	Paris, France				

Differences between JESC and ESC:

The contest has been through many changes in its eighteen years, and while there are similarities between the Eurovision Song Contest and Junior Eurovision Song Contest, there are some very distinct differences too:

- Junior Eurovision host nations are selected via a bidding system, rather than automatically awarding hosting duties to the previous year's winner. France though was given first refusal to host the 2021 edition following its victory in 2020..
- The song must be sung in any of the national languages of the country it is representing, although up to 40% of the lyrics are allowed in another language. Artists should have a citizenship or residency of the country they represent.
- The song must last a minimum of 2 minutes 30 seconds, while there is no minimum length at the Eurovision Song Contest. Both contests set a maximum song length of three minutes.
- Junior Eurovision's score is tabulated by a combination of national juries and an online public vote open to viewers from around the globe.

Participation

Active member broadcasters of the European Broadcasting Union are permitted to take part in the contest, though the show has been screened in several non-participating countries, and contest participation may be extended to Associate Members on an invitation-only basis, as in the cases of Kazakhstan.

Out of the thirty-eight countries that have participated at least once, only one country – The Netherlands – has competed in every Junior Eurovision so far. As of 2021, Georgia is the most successful nation at the Junior Eurovision Song Contest with three wins and two 2nd place finishes. Russia has won twice with two runner-up placements, Belarus, which no longer participates in the Contest, had two victories and one 2nd place during their years of participation, and Malta and Poland each have two wins in the bank as well.

2021 Host Venue: La Seine Musicale, Paris, France

With a seating capacity of up to 6,000 spectators in its largest hall, La Seine Musicale is a relatively new addition to Paris's storied list of performing arts spaces. Opened in 2017, it is located on Île Seguin, which until 2005 was the home of a Renault factory. It is the showpiece of what will become a new hub of art and culture on the island, which is technically located in the first-ring Parisian suburb of Boulogne-Billancourt. The first artist to hold a concert in the space was Nobel laureate Bob Dylan, and the venue also hosted the final draw of the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup.

2021 Hosts

Carla

Sixteen-year-old Carla Lazzari is best known to Junior Eurovision fans as the singer of 2019's "Bim Bam Toi", finishing in fifth place. Since then, "Bim Bam Toi" has become a viral hit, thanks to TikTok and Fortnite. The song topped the Spotify Top 50 Viral chart in France, and Carla's star has continued to rise. She released her first full album, *L'autre moi*, in 2020 and she delivered France's points at the 2021 Eurovision Song Contest.

Élodie Gossuin

The winner of the Miss France and Miss Europe crowns in 2001, Élodie has been a popular presenter and host on French television since 2005. Between 2016 and 2018, Élodie presented France's jury points at Eurovision, where she became a bit of a sensation after her imitation of Amir's 2016 song, "J'ai cherché", went viral. She has also dabbled in politics, serving as a Regional Councillor for Picardy between 2004 and 2015.

Olivier Minne

Best known to French audiences as the host of the long-running popular game show *Fort Boyard* since 2003, Belgian-French presenter Olivier Minne does have some Eurovision experience in his CV, having presented the French votes in 1992 and 1993, as well as providing commentary from 1995 through 1997.

2021 Songs

Quick Reference & Running Order

Draw	Country	Artist	Song	Language(s)
01	 Germany	Pauline	" <i>Imagine Us</i> "	German, English
02	 Georgia	Niko Kajaia	" <i>Let's Count the Smiles</i> "	Georgian, English, French
03	 Poland	Sara James	" <i>Somebody</i> "	Polish, English
04	 Malta	Ike and Kaya	" <i>My Home</i> "	English
05	 Italy	Elisabetta Lizza	" <i>Specchio (Mirror on the Wall)</i> "	Italian, English
06	 Bulgaria	Denislava and Martin	" <i>Voice of Love</i> "	Bulgarian, English
07	 Russia	Tanya Mezhentseva	" <i>Mon Ami</i> "	Russian, English (phrases in French)
08	 Ireland	Maiú Levi Lawlor	" <i>Saor (Disappear)</i> "	Irish, English, (phrases in French)
09	 Armenia	Maléna	" <i>Qami Qami</i> " (Գամի Գամի)	Armenian, English
10	 Kazakhstan	Alinur Khamzin and Beknur Zhanibekuly	" <i>Ertegi älemı (Fairy World)</i> " (Ертегі әлемі)	Kazakh, French
11	 Albania	Anna Gjebrea	" <i>Stand By You</i> "	Albanian, English
12	 Ukraine	Olena Usenko	" <i>Vazhil</i> " (Важіль)	Ukrainian
13	 France	Enzo	" <i>Tic Tac</i> "	French
14	 Azerbaijan	Sona Azizova	" <i>One of Those Days</i> "	Azerbaijani, English
15	 Netherlands	Ayana	" <i>Mata Sugu Aō Ne</i> " (またすぐ会おうね)	Dutch, English, (phrases in Japanese)
16	 Spain	Levi Díaz	" <i>Reír</i> "	Spanish
17	 Serbia	Jovana and Dunja	" <i>Oči Deteta (Children's Eyes)</i> " (Очи Детеџа)	Serbian
18	 North Macedonia	Dajte Muzika	" <i>Green Forces</i> "	Macedonian, English
19	 Portugal	Simão Oliveira	" <i>O Rapaz</i> "	Portuguese

ALBANIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Anna Gjebrea (12)
Title	Stand By You
Language	Albanian, English
Composers	Music: Adam Watts, Gannin Arnold, Sanni M'Mairura, Endi Çuçi / Lyrics: Adam Watts, Gannin Arnold, Sanni M'Mairura, Endi Çuçi, Anna Gjebrea
Song Description	An empowering bop about supporting those who are being bullied. A song that very easily could be the opening credits to a pre-teen Netflix series, the bombastic post-chorus is a real highlight

Artist Profile	A 12-year-old from Tirana who is looking to follow the footsteps of her father to work on the stage - Ardit Gjebrea is a popular TV show host in Armenia
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Selection Process	<i>Junior Fest 2021</i> brought together a total of nineteen singers and songs, with the winner being selected by a jury.
Date Selected	23 October 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2012
Years Competed	2012, 2015-2019, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	7
Best Position	5th (2015)
Finishing Position 2019	17th place, 36 points
Artist & Song 2019	Isea Çili, "Mikja ime fëmijëri"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Anxhela Peristeri, "Karma"
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ARMENIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2012

Artist (Age)	Maléna (14)
Title	Qami Qami
Language	Armenian, English
Composers	Music: tokionine / Lyrics: Vahram Petrosyan, tokionine, Maléna, David Tserunyan
Song Description	A mystical piece of ethereal pop merged with the kind of beats that get the EuroClub dance floors popping

Artist Profile	Maléna took part in the Armenian Junior Eurovision selection in 2018 before being internally selected in 2020. Sadly, war in Nagorno-Karabakh and the resolution to bring in a temporary martial law led to Armenia's withdrawal last year. Maléna was internally selected again in 2021.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster AMPTV opted for an internal selection for this year's singer and song.
Date Announced	Artist Confirmed: 17 November 2021 Song Released: 19 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007 – 2019, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2019)	14
Best Position	1st (2010)
Finishing Position 2019	9th place, 115 points
Artist & Song 2019	Karina Ignatyan, "Colours of Your Dream"
Host Venue	Yerevan 2011

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	n/a - Armenia did not participate at Eurovision 2021
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AZERBAIJAN

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Sona Azizova (12)
Title	One of Those Days
Language	Azerbaijani, English
Composers	Music: Maria Broberg, Francisco Faria, Martin Wiik, Hampus Eurenus / Lyrics: Maria Broberg, Fransisco Faria, Martin Wiik, Hampus Eurenus, Javid Shahbazbayov, Sona Azizova
Song Description	A piano-driven pop ballad that feels familiar but still bursts into a fresh crescendo of energy. Key change alert!

Artist Profile	Born in the capital city of Baku, before living in Serbia, and Romania, Sona won The Voice Kids in 2021 and the right to represent at Junior Eurovision in Paris.
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Selection Process	After announcing a public call for songs, broadcaster İctimai selected their singer and song for Paris internally.
Date Announced	Artist Reveal: 16 August 2021 Song Release: 17 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2012
Years Competed	2012-2013 2018, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	4
Best Position	7th (2013)
Finishing Position 2018	16th place, 47 points
Artist & Song 2018	Fidan Huseynova, "I Wanna Be Like You"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Efendi, "Mata Hari"
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BULGARIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Denislava Dimitrova (12) and Martin Stoyanov (13)
Title	Voice of Love
Language	Bulgarian, English
Composers	Music: Vasil Garvanliev, Davor Jordanovski, Vesna Malinova / Lyrics: Vasil Garvanliev, Davor Jordanovski, Vesna Malinova, Stan Stefanov
Song Description	A hopeful and wistful number about the youth of today and them being the 'voice of love'. Vasil (North Macedonia 2021) is a songwriter here and this offers a similar stench of cheesy charm to the show

Artist Profile	Both animal lovers, Denislava and Martin have been performing together for over four years, winning awards along their way to achieving their goal of singing at Junior Eurovision.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster BNT opted for an internal selection for Bulgaria's song and singers for Junior Eurovision this year.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 8 November 2021 Song Released: 13 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007-2008, 2011, 2014-2016, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	7
Best Position	2nd (2014)
Finishing Position 2016	9th place, 161 points
Artist & Song 2016	Lidia Ganeva, "Magical Day (Valsheben den)"
Host Venue	Sofia, 2015

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Victoria, "Growing Up is Getting Old"
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FRANCE

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Enzo (13)
Title	Tic-Tac
Language	French
Composers	Music: Alban Lico / Lyrics: Alban Lico, Léa Ivanne
Song Description	While not written by Barbara Pravi Tic-Tac offers a similar vibe to previous French JESC entries - the verses are flamboyantly French and the chorus is onomatopoeically on point. Catchy as anything.

Artist Profile	Life-long Eurovision fan Enzo will have the home crowd cheering him on in Paris, with many of his YouTube fans in the audience.
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Selection Process	As broadcaster France Télévisions has done since their re-entry into Junior Eurovision in 2018, France opted for an internal selection this year for both song and singer.
Date Announced	21 October 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2002
Years Competed	2003, 2018 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	4
Best Position	1st (2020)
Finishing Position 2020	5th place, 169 points
Artist & Song 2020	Valentina, "J'Imagine"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Barbara Pravi, "Voilà"
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GEORGIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Niko Kajaia (10)
Title	Let's Count the Smiles
Language	Georgian, French, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Giorgi Kukhianidze
Song Description	Should anybody invent a laid-back jazz cafe for pre-teens, this is the track that will be on loop there.

Artist Profile	Niko is hoping to build on his appearance at Junior Eurovision; either make it big as a pop star... or become the President of Georgia.
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Selection Process	The Georgian broadcaster used the children's talent show <i>Ranina</i> to select their artist. From a lineup of ten contestants, three eventually progressed to a Final round, and a song was then tailored to the winner's voice.
Date Announced	Artist Selection: 13 November 2021 Song Release: 14 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	15
Best Position	1st (2006, 2011 & 2016)
Finishing Position 2020	6th place, 111 points
Artist & Song 2020	Sandra Gadelia, "You Are Not Alone"
Host Venue	Tbilisi 2017

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Tornike Kipiani, "You"
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GERMANY

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Pauline (13)
Title	Imagine Us
Language	German, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Alex Henke, Torben Brüggemann, Ricardo Munoz, Patrick Salmy
Song Description	Imagine us asks the listener to think about a world as a better place, where there is friendship and where the new generation can save the world. A mid-tempo pop track with rousing finale.

Artist Profile	Drummer, pianist, singer, and now Germany's second Junior Eurovision entrant... and the first to sing live in the hall following last year's remote appearance by Susan due to CoVID restrictions.
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Selection Process	On the National Final program <i>Junior ESC - Wer fährt nach Paris?</i> , three contestants in the running each performed two potential songs for Junior Eurovision. The winner was eventually decided by a public vote, with their song being selected by a three-person jury.
Date Selected	10 September 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2020
Years Competed	2020-2021
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	2
Best Position	12th (2020)
Finishing Position 2020	12th, 66 points
Artist & Song 2020	Susan, "Stronger With You"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Jendrik, "I Don't Feel Hate"
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IRELAND

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Maiú Levi Lawlor (14)
Title	Saor (Disappear)
Language	Irish, English, French
Composers	Music: Niall Mooney, Brendan McCarthy, Cyprian Cassar, Lesley Ann Halvey / Lyrics: Niall Mooney, Lauren White Murphy, Anna Banks
Song Description	A little diddy of a pop-rock number which preaches how we, the next generation, can't be made to disappear

Artist Profile	No stranger to huge television moments, Maiu has also appeared on the influential Late Late Toy Show, RTE's annual festive special from The Late Late Show team.
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Selection Process	After four heats and a semifinal, three artists proceeded to the final of <i>Junior Eurovision Éire</i> . Each had to sing an Irish-language cover of a pop song as well as an Irish Eurovision entry. The winner was selected via a jury, and the song was revealed soon afterwards.
Date Selected	Artist Selection: 17 October 2021 Song Release: 16 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2015
Years Competed	2015 - 2019, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2019)	6
Best Position	10th (2016)
Finishing Position 2019	12th place, 73 points
Artist & Song 2019	Anna Kearney, "Banshee"
Host Venue	-

Eurovison Song Contest 2019

Artist/Song	Lesley Roy, "Maps"
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ITALY

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Elisabetta Lizza (12)
Title	Specchio (Mirror on the Wall)
Language	Italian, English
Composers	Music: Stefano Rigamonti, Marco Iardella, Franco Fasano / Lyrics: Fabrizio Palaferri, Stefano Rigamonti
Song Description	A rousing rock number with an epic guitar solo and the type of melody line that seeps out of Karaoke bars across the world. This is a song to Elisabetta herself, preaching how she wants to be 'the real me, everyday', rather than the fake version of herself that has been on show.

Artist Profile	Unsurprisingly a Måneskin fan, Elisabetta has been singing and performing for the last three years.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster RAI opted for an internal selection for both their singer and song this year.
Date Announced	11 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2014
Years Competed	2014 – 2019, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	7
Best Position	1st (2014)
Finishing Position 2019	7th place, 129 points
Artist & Song 2019	Marta Viola, "La voce della terra"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Måneskin, "Zitti i buoni"
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KAZAKHSTAN

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Alinur Khamzin (11) & Beknur Zhanibekuly (9)
Title	Ertegi älemi (Fairy World)
Language	Kazakh, French
Composers	Music: Nurbolat Qanay / Lyrics: Nurbolat Qanay, Gabriel Boileau Cloutier
Song Description	A journey into the mystical where the listener is invited to imagine a new world. Beknur adds to the song with spoken word in French - he was born in Strasbourg.

Artist Profile	Beknur, who says he loves making new friends while singing, found a new friend in Alinur during the National Final. dreams of becoming a famous singer and has already competed in many vocal contests, despite being only 11.
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Selection Process	A ten-song National Final was held, with the winner decided via a public vote and a jury of music professionals. After a tie for first place, it was decided that Beknur would join Alinur on his song.
Date Announced	6 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2018
Years Competed	2018 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	4
Best Position	2nd (2019, 2020)
Finishing Position 2020	2nd place, 152 points
Artist & Song 2020	Karakat Bashanova, "Forever"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	n/a - Kazakhstan does not compete at the Eurovision Song Contest
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MALTA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Ike Mizzi (11) and Kaya Gouder Curmi (11)
Title	My Home
Language	English
Composers	Music: Cyprian Cassar / Lyrics: Matt "Muxu" Mercieca, Owen Leuellen
Song Description	A duet of contrasts as Kaya sings a soaring melody while Ike raps alongside her. However both have the same message - that this is our home and they will never be alone in it.

Artist Profile	Ike has been in the music industry for two years, including an appearance in Keen'V's video for Pour y Arriver. As for Kaya, she has memorably appeared at SanRemo Junior, where she won her category.
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Selection Process	A twelve-song National Final was held using pre-recorded performances. A winner was selected by a public vote, as well as a professional jury.
Date Announced	16 October 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2010, 2013 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	16
Best Position	1st (2013 & 2015)
Finishing Position 2020	8th place, 100 points
Artist & Song 2020	Chanel Monseigneur, "Chasing Sunsets"
Host Venue	Marsa 2014, Valletta 2016

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Destiny, "Je Me Casse"
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THE NETHERLANDS

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Ages)	Ayana Voss (14)
Title	Mata Sugu Aō Ne
Language	Dutch, English, Japanese
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Ferry Lagendijk
Song Description	A tender storytelling ballad, as Ayana explains to the listener her desire to travel across borders to visit relatives living abroad, which has been harder in recent times.

Artist Profile	Before her solo success at the Dutch National Final, Ayana was part of the vocal and dance group Kinderen voor Kinderen.
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Selection Process	<i>Junior Songfestival 2021</i> brought together four acts, and the winner was decided through a public vote, a professional jury, and a kids' jury.
Date Selected	25 September 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	19
Best Position	1st (2009)
Finishing Position 2019	4th place, 132 points
Artist & Song 2019	Unity, "Best Friends"
Host Venue	Rotterdam 2007, Amsterdam 2012

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Jeangu Macrooy, "Birth of a New Age"
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NORTH MACEDONIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Dajte Muzika (13-14)
Title	Green Forces
Language	Macedonian, English
Composers	Music: Robert Bilbilov / Lyrics: Robin Zimbakov
Song Description	With the essence of the Balkans firmly in this stomping drum beat, Green Forces unsurprisingly takes on the environmental crisis on our planet, telling the listener that it is you who needs to change your actions to help the planet.

Artist Profile	Four of the cast members of 'Dajte Muzika' have been selected to represent not only the hit TV show of the same name, but all of North Macedonia.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster MKRTV opted for an internal selection for both their performer and song this year.
Date Announced	Artist Announcement: 12 October 2021 Song Reveal: 12 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2011, 2013, 2015–2019, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	16
Best Position	5th (2007 & 2008)
Finishing Position 2019	6th place, 150 points
Artist & Song 2019	Mila Moskov, "Fire"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Vasil, "Here I Stand"
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POLAND

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Sara James (13)
Title	Somebody
Language	Polish, English
Composers	Music: Patryk Kumór, Dominic Buczkowski-Wojtaszek, Jan Bielecki / Lyrics: Tom Martin, Patryk Kumór
Song Description	A classical pop song structure of 2021, with electronic beats and the type of melody that sits exactly how a pop song should do. Sara James sings about how she will always be that somebody waiting for you

Artist Profile	Another winner of The Voice Kids at Junior Eurovision, Sara's Somebody is already rocketing up the Polish charts, Sara herself has been working on her singing at the Słubice Municipal Cultural Center.
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Selection Process	<i>Szansa na sukces</i> was held once again, with three seven-artist semifinals leading to a three-song final. The winner was decided by a three-member professional jury and a public televote.
Date Selected	27th September

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Completed	2003-2004, 2016 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	8
Best Position	1st (2018, 2019)
Finishing Position 2020	1st place, 278 points
Artist & Song 2020	Ala Tracz, "I'll Be Standing"
Host Venue	Gliwice 2019, Warsaw 2020

Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist/Song	Rafał, "The Ride"
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PORTUGAL

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Simão Oliveira (14)
Title (Portuguese)	O Rapaz
Title (English)	The Boy
Language	Portuguese
Composers	Music: Fernando Daniel, Diogo Clemente / Lyrics: Diogo Clemente
Song Description	This song tells the story of how the artist, through listening to the radio alone, grew up listening to these old fashioned Portuguese love songs and how they seep through to his soul. Unsurprisingly this song is unapologetically fado in style and substance.

Artist Profile	Winner of The Voice Kids in Portugal, Simão loves the Portuguese 'Fado' style of singing, as well as playing the clarinet.
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Selection Process	Portuguese broadcaster RTP decided to give the ticket to Paris to the winner of The Voice Kids. A song was then commissioned for Simão's voice and style.
Date Announced	Artist Selection: 18 April 2021 Song Reveal: 12 November 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006-2007, 2017-2019, 2021
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	6
Best Position	14th (2006, 2017)
Finishing Position 2019	16th place, 43 points
Artist & Song 2019	Joana Almeida, "Vem comigo"
Host Venue	-

Eurovision Song Contest 2019

Artist/Song	The Black Mamba, "Love is On My Side"
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RUSSIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Tanya Mezhentseva (12)
Title	Mon Ami
Language	Russian, English
Composers	Music: Alexander Brashovyan / Lyrics: Danu Boyan, Dmitriy Korochin, Tanya Mezhentseva
Song Description	A bombastically energetic number, Mon Ami whisks the listener off into a trance to forget about the world around you and enjoy the magical moment here and now.

Artist Profile	Ariel gymnast Tanya returns to Junior Eurovision, having dueted on "A Time For Us" with Denberel Oorzhak in 2019.
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Selection Process	Twelve acts competed for the ticket to Junior Eurovision, with the winner being decided via an online vote as well as a professional jury.
Date Selected	30 October 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2005
Years Competed	2005 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	17
Best Position	1st (2006, 2017)
Finishing Position 2020	13th place, 72 points
Artist & Song 2020	Sofia Feskova, "My New Day"
Host Venue	-

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Artist/Song	Manizha, "Russian Woman"
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SERBIA

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Jovana Radonjić (10) and Dunja Živković (11)
Title	Oči Deteta (Children's Eyes)
Language	Serbian
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Ana Frlin
Song Description	This duet tells the listener about the world through children's eyes, how children can imagine so much, see a brighter future...but also see and understand all the hurt around them. A gentle ballad with just enough melodic twang to make it clearly Serbian in origin.

Artist Profile	Jovana and Dunja, both experienced competitive singers, are from Novi Sad, the European Capital of Culture 2022,
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Selection Process	Serbia's song and singers were both selected internally.
Date Announced	Artist Reveal: 5 October 2021 Song Release: 28 October 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006-2010, 2014 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	13
Best Position	3rd (2007 & 2010)
Finishing Position 2020	11th place, 85 points
Artist & Song 2020	Petar Aničić, "Heartbeat"
Host Venue	-

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Artist/Song	Hurricane, "Loco Loco"
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SPAIN

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Levi Díaz (13)
Title (Spanish)	Reír
Title (English)	Laugh
Language	Spanish
Composers	Music & Lyrics: David Roma
Song Description	A bite-sized chunk of Spanish-flavoured pop music, Levi asks the listener in this song to laugh and enjoy the good times and start a revolution of joy.

Artist Profile	From Barcelona, Levi's favourite musicians stretch from Eurovision winner Netta ("Toy", in 2018) through to the legendary Frank Sinatra. Winning The Voice Kids gave Levi his ticket to Paris to sing for Spain.
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Selection Process	Spain's song and singer for Junior Eurovision were internally selected.
Date Announced	Artist Reveal: 9th September Song Release: 7th October

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2006, 2019 - present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	7
Best Position	1st (2004)
Finishing Position 2020	3rd place, 133 points
Artist & Song 2020	Soleá, "Palante"
Host Venue	-

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Artist/Song	Blas Cantó, "Voy a quedarme"
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UKRAINE

Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2021

Artist (Age)	Olena Usenko (14)
Title (Ukrainian)	Vazhil
Title (English)	Leverage
Language	Ukrainian
Composers	Music: Olena Usenko, Kateryna Komar / Lyrics: Olena Usenko
Song Description	A deep, mature and intelligent song about how fleeting life on Earth can be, and how we should make use of whatever time we have to make whatever difference we can.

Artist Profile	Finishing second in last year's National Final, Olena won through this year to sing for Ukraine. This is one of just a handful of songs written by the performer.
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Selection Process	Eleven songs took part in a televised national final, with the winner being determined by the votes of a five-member jury, plus an online televote.
Date Announced	24 October 2021

Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	16
Best Position	1st (2012)
Finishing Position 2020	7th place, 106 points
Artist & Song 2020	Oleksandr Balabanov, "Vidkryvai (Open Up)"
Host Venue	Kyiv 2009 & 2013

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Artist/Song	Go_A, "SHUM"
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